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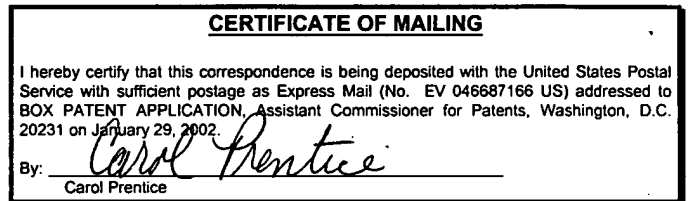
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,683,451	Lenker et al.	Nov. 4, 1997
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EPO	0 554 579	Aug. 11, 1993
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International	WO 98/20812	May 22, 1998
Germany	197 13 280	Oct. 1, 1998

The references listed above are relevant because they were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP00/07354 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

OTHER U.S. PATENTS:

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5,746,745	Abele et al.	May 5, 1998
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DE 93 21 003 has an English language counterpart, namely
U.S. Patent No. 5,690,644 submitted herewith.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together
with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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